

Harpers Ferry National Historical
Park, General
Harpers Ferry
Jefferson County
West Virginia

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HARPERS FERRY
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, GENERAL

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Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry,
Jefferson County, West Virginia

Present Owner
and Occupant: National Park Service

Significance: Many of the structures within the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park were documented for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) Collection by the National Park Service as part of the "Mission 66" project. The documentation is filed under separate HABS numbers in the HABS collection.

A report entitled "A History of Harpers Ferry" was written by National Park Service historian William C. Everhart in 1952. The report is filed in the field record folder for HABS No. WV-224. It consists of a short history of the exploration, settlement, and development of Harpers Ferry during 1669-1861. Chapter I of the report explains the influence of the town's geographical setting on its history, including its selection as a site for a federal armory and arsenal. Chapter II details the construction and development of the federal installation, and the manufacture of Hall Rifles, the first breechloader to be used by United States military forces. Chapter III chronicles Harpers Ferry's growth into a regional transportation and communication center, and foreshadows its participation in the Civil War. Also included with the previous report is a 46-page paper entitled "Documentation of Historical Base Map, Harpers Ferry Vicinity, Jackson 'Test' - May 1862" written by Arthur L. Sullivan, Park Historian, on August 22, 1961.

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*HARPER'S FERRY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
(GENERAL VIEW - N.E.P. General Views)*

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